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> We have created Zap, a novel system for transparent migration of legacy and networked
> applications. Zap provides a thin virtualization layer on top of the operating system that
> introduces pods, which are groups of processes that are provided a consistent, virtualized
> view of the system. This decouples processes in pods from dependencies to the host
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> Many fault-tolerant and intrusion-tolerant systems require the ability to execute unsafe
> programs in a realistic environment without leaving permanent damages. Virtual machine
> technology meets this requirement perfectly because it provides an execution
> environment that is both realistic and isolated. In this paper, we introduce an OS level
> virtual machine architecture for Windows applications called *Feather-weight Virtual
> Machine* (FVM), under which virtual machines share as many resources ...

> **Keywords**: copy on write, mobile code security, namespace virtualization, system call
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> We present MobiDesk, a mobile virtual desktop computing hosting infrastructure that
> leverages continued improvements in network speed, cost, and ubiquity to address the
> complexity, cost, and mobility limitations of today's personal computing infrastructure.
> MobiDesk transparently virtualizes a user's computing session by abstracting underlying
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We present WebPod, a portable system that enables mobile users to use the same persistent, personalized web browsing session on any Internet-enabled device. No matter what computer is being used, WebPod provides a consistent browsing session, maintaining all of a user's plugins, bookmarks, browser web content, open browser windows, and browser configuration options and preferences. This is achieved by leveraging rapid improvements in capacity, cost, and size of portable storage devices. WebPod p ...

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Despite decades of research in extensible operating system technology, extensions such as device drivers remain a significant cause of system failures. In Windows XP, for example, drivers account for 85&percent; of recently reported failures.This article

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10 Testbed directions and experience: PlanetLab: an overlay testbed for broad-coverage services

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PlanetLab is a global overlay network for developing and accessing broad-coverage network services. Our goal is to grow to 1000 geographically distributed nodes, connected by a disverse collection of links. PlanetLab allows multiple service to run concurrently and continuously, each in its own slice of PlanetLab. This paper discribes our initial implementation of PlanetLab, including the mechanisms used to impelment virtualization, and the collection of core services used to manage PlanetLab.

11 Microkernels and virtual machines: Reducing TCB size by using untrusted components: small kernels versus virtual-machine monitors

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Secure systems are best built on top of a small trusted operating system: The smaller the operating system, the easier it can be assured or verified for correctness.In this paper, we oppose the view that virtual-machine monitors (VMMs) are the smallest systems that provide secure isolation because they have been specifically designed to provide little more than this property. The problem with this assertion is that VMMs typically do not support interprocess communication, complicating the use of ...

12 A comparison of software and hardware techniques for x86 virtualization

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Until recently, the x86 architecture has not permitted classical trap-and-emulate virtualization. Virtual Machine Monitors for x86, such as VMware ® Workstation and Virtual PC, have instead used binary translation of the guest kernel code. However, both Intel and AMD have now introduced architectural extensions to support classical virtualization.We compare an existing software VMM with a new VMM designed for the emerging hardware support. Surprisingly, the hardware VMM often suffers lower ...

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To provide modularity and performance, operating system kernels should have only minimal embedded functionality. Today's operating systems are large, inefficient and, most importantly, inflexible. In our view, most operating system performance and flexibility problems can be eliminated simply by pushing the operating system interface lower. Our goal is to put abstractions traditionally implemented by the kernel out into user-space, where user-level libraries and servers abstract the exposed hard ...

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The growth and popularity of loosely-coupled distributed systems such as the World Wide Web and the touting of Java-based systems as the solution to the issues of software maintenance, flexibility, and security are changing the research emphasis away from traditional single node operating system issues. Apparently, the view is that traditional OS issues are either solved problems or minor problems. By contrast, we believe that building such vast distributed systems upon the fragile infrastructur ...

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As the size of high performance clusters multiplies, the probability of system failure grows substantially, posing an increasingly significant challenge for scalability. Checkpoint-based fault tolerance methods are effective approaches at dealing with faults. With these methods, the state of the entire parallel application is checkpointed to reliable storage. When a fault occurs, the application is restarted from a recent checkpoint. However, the application developer is required to write signif ...

16 Are virtual-machine monitors microkernels done right?

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A paper by Hand et al. at the recent HotOS workshop re-examined microkernels and contrasted them to virtual-machine monitors (VMMs). It found that the two kinds of systems share architectural commonalities but also have a number of technical

differences which the paper examined. It concluded that VMMs are a special case of microkernels, "microkernels done right".A closer examination of that paper shows that it contains a number of statements which are poorly justified or even refuted by t ...

17 Xen and the art of virtualization

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Numerous systems have been designed which use virtualization to subdivide the ample resources of a modern computer. Some require specialized hardware, or cannot support commodity operating systems. Some target 100% binary compatibility at the expense of performance. Others sacrifice security or functionality for speed. Few offer resource isolation or performance guarantees; most provide only best-effort provisioning, risking denial of service.This paper presents Xen, an x86 virtual machine monit ...

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18 Vertical profiling: understanding the behavior of object-priented applications

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Object-oriented programming languages provide a rich set of features that provide significant software engineering benefits. The increased productivity provided by these features comes at a justifiable cost in a more sophisticated runtime system whose responsibility is to implement these features efficiently. However, the virtualization introduced by this sophistication provides a significant challenge to understanding complete system performance, not found in traditionally compiled languages ...

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19 Exokernel: an operating system architecture for application-level resource management

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Code compression coupled with dynamic decompression is an important technique for both embedded and general-purpose microprocessors. *Postfetch decompression*, in which decompression is performed after the compressed instructions have been fetched, allows

the instruction cache to store compressed code but requires a highly efficient decompression implementation. We propose implementing postfetch decompression using a new hardware facility called *dynamic instruction stream editing* (DI ...

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